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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY

--- ELECTRIFICATION

1. WATSON OF FISCHBACH AND MOORE, WITH WHOM MEPD HAS HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS ON THE ISCOR ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT, HAS APPROACHED US SEEKING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH RUMOR THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONSIDERING ELECTRIFICATION ITS ENTIRE RAIL NETWORK. WATSON WAS UNWILLING DISCLOSE SOURCE OF RUMOR BUT DID INDICATE HE ATTEMPTING CHECK IT WITH HIS SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNER, DRAKE AND SCULL.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS CAN DEVELOP ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE SUCH A PROJECT, IF IT WERE EVER UNDERTAKEN, WOULD REPRESENT A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR OPPORTUNITY. KISSINGER

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